

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, ~~TRADE~~ address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: INFORMATION RECORDING / PLAYBACK APPARATUS AND METHOD, the specification of which

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 is attached hereto was filed on April 05, 2001 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP01/02963 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (month, day, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	P2000-105328	April 06, 2000	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Japan	P2000-243205	August 10, 2000	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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